Krishnan, Anand Amritraj, Leander Paes, Mahesh Bhupati, Akhtar Ali, Ms. Sania Mirza, etc. Similarly, in Carom, Sh. Anthony Maria Irudayam was conferred the Arjuna Award.

Amount awarded to cricket players

527. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have distributed the maximum/largest amount as award to the cricket players for Twenty-Twenty matches;

(b) if so, the details of the amount so given to each players;

(c) whether it is a discriminatory behaviour of the Union Government with the national/ international players of hockey, football, chess, kabaddi, athletics etc.;

(d) the reasons for such discrimination; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to equalize each and every players of all the games and by when?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (d) No, Sir. The Government of India have not distributed any amount as awards to cricket players for Twenty-Twenty matches.

(e) This Ministry is implementing the scheme of 'Special Awards to Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches'. The scheme primarily aims to incentivise the medal winner International Sports events and their coaches. The award applies across disciplines.

The Awards are given in the Olympics, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games disciplines.

The details of awards given are as follows:—

Individual Events:—

Individual Events Name of the Championship	Amount Gold Medal/First Position	Amount Silver Medal/Second Position	Amount Bronze Medal/Third Position
(i) Olympic Games	Rs. 30 lakhs	Rs. 18 lakhs	Rs. 12 lakhs
(ii) Asian Games World Championship/ Commonwealth Games	Rs. 10 lakhs	Rs. 5 lakhs	Rs. 3 lakhs
(iii) Asian and Commonwealth Championships	Rs. 3 lakhs	Rs. 2 lakhs	Rs. 1.5 lakhs

For Junior and Sub Junior Events

World Championships-Junior	Rs. 2 lakhs	Rs. 1.5 lakhs	Rs. 1 lakh
Sub-Junior	1 lakh	Rs. 80,000	Rs. 60,000
Asian and Commonwealth Championships Junior	Rs. 1 lakh	Rs. 80,000	Rs. 60,000
Sub-Juniors	Rs. 50,000	Rs. 40,000	Rs. 30,000

Since, cricket does not come under either the Asian, Olympic or Commonwealth Games, the Ministry does not provide this award to cricketers.